

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A scrim comprising at least two woven layers of thermoplastic tapes, comprising:
 - (a) a first woven layer comprising:
 - (i) a first set of tapes generally parallel to each other; and
 - (ii) a second set of tapes generally parallel to each other, perpendicular to said first set of tapes and ~~woven~~ interwoven therewith;
 - (b) a second woven layer comprising:
 - (i) a first set of tapes generally parallel to each other, said first set of tapes being generally parallel to said first set of tapes of said first layer; and
 - (ii) a second set of tapes generally parallel to each other, perpendicular to said first set of tapes of said second layer and ~~woven~~ interwoven therewith; and
 - (c) ~~at least one layer-connecting tape~~ a plurality of layer-connecting lines of attachment, generally parallel to said first sets of tapes, said lines of attachment each comprising at least one layer-connecting tape, said layer-connecting tape being interwoven with tapes of said second set of tapes of said first layer and with tapes of said second set of tapes of said second layer so as to attach said first layer to said second layer, each said line of attachment being separated from an adjacent said line of attachment by at least four tapes of said first sets of tapes.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said first set of tapes of each of said first and second layers comprises warp tapes and said second set of tapes of each of said first and second layers comprises weft tapes.

4. (Original) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said first set of tapes of each of said first and second layers comprises weft tapes and said second set of tapes of each of said first and second layers comprises warp tapes.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A scrim according to claim 1 further comprising:

(d) ~~at least one layer-connecting tape at least one layer-connecting line of attachment,~~ generally parallel to said second set of tapes, said line of attachment comprising at least one layer-connecting tape, said layer-connecting tape being interwoven with tapes of said first set of tapes of said first layer and with tapes of said first set of tapes of said second layer.

8. (Currently amended) A scrim according to claim 5 wherein said ~~layer-connecting tapes~~ lines of attachment are separated from each other by a number of tapes of said first sets of tapes that is a multiple of four.

9. (Currently amended) A scrim according to claim 1 further comprising:

(d) a third woven layer, said third woven layer comprising:

(i) a first set of tapes generally parallel to each other, said first set of tapes being generally parallel to said first set of tapes of said first layer; and

(ii) a second set of tapes generally parallel to each other, perpendicular to said first set and ~~woven~~ interwoven therewith; and

(e) ~~a layer-connecting tape~~ a plurality of layer-connecting lines of attachment, generally parallel to said first set of tapes of said third layer, said lines of attachment each comprising at least one layer-connecting tape, said layer-connecting tape being interwoven with tapes of said second set of tapes of said second layer and with tapes of said second set of tape of said third layer so as to attach said third layer to said second layer, each said line of attachment

being separated from an adjacent said line of attachment by at least four tapes of said first sets of tapes of said second layer and said third layer.

10. (Original) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said tapes have a width in the range of 1 to 10 mm.

11. (Original) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said tapes have a thickness in the range of 0.02 to 0.1 mm.

12. (Original) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said tapes have a weight in the range of 500 to 3000 grams per 10,000 meters.

13. (Original) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said tapes include color pigment.

14. (Original) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said tapes comprise polyolefin resin.

15. (Original) A scrim according to claim 14 wherein said tapes comprise high density polyethylene.

16. (Original) A scrim according to claim 14 wherein said tapes comprise polypropylene.

17. (Original) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said tapes include a UV-resistant composition.

18. (Original) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said tapes include a flame-retardant composition.

19. (Original) A fabric comprising a scrim according to claim 1 laminated on one or both sides thereof to a waterproof thermoplastic film.

20. (Original) A fabric according to claim 19 wherein said film comprises polyolefin resin.

21. (Original) A fabric according to claim 19 wherein said film contains a UV-resistant composition.

22. (Original) A fabric according to claim 19 wherein said film contains a flame-retardant composition.

23. (Original) A fabric comprising a scrim according to claim 1 laminated on one or both sides thereof to a layer of slip-resistant material.

24. (Original) A fabric comprising a scrim according to claim 1 laminated on at least one side thereof to a metalized film.

25. (Original) A fabric comprising a scrim according to claim 1 laminated on one or both sides thereof to a layer of water-absorbent material.

26. (Original) A fabric according to claim 25 wherein said water-absorbent material is paper.

27. (Original) A fabric according to claim 25 wherein said water-absorbent material comprises non-woven thermoplastic fibres.

28. (Original) The use of the scrim of claim 1 as an industrial fabric, construction fabric or landfill cover.

29. (Original) The use of the fabric of claim 19 as an industrial fabric, tarpaulin, landfill cover, construction fabric or agricultural fabric.

30. (New) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein said line of attachment comprises two or more of said layer-connecting tapes.

31. (New) A scrim according to claim 1 wherein each said line of attachment is separated from an adjacent said line of attachment by at least twelve tapes of said first sets of tapes.